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Attention: Nancy Rumrill

Dear Ms. Rumrill:

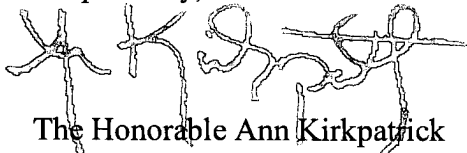
This letter of comment is being submitted regarding the proposed issuance of the EPA Underground Injection Control Permit (UIC) to Florence Copper, Inc. I understand that the permit, if issued, would allow Florence Copper, Inc. to operate approximately two acres as a Production Test Facility (PTF) for up to two years, followed by a post-closure monitoring of up to five years following closure operations.

Florence Copper, Inc. has the potential to bring much-needed employment to rural Arizona. The anticipated impact is 240 direct and indirect jobs on-site, 480 jobs in Pinal County and nearly 800 jobs in Arizona. There are also projected fiscal benefits of \$68.4 million in revenue to the Town of Florence, \$2.1 billion in economic activity for Pinal County and \$3.4 billion in economic activity for the State of Arizona.

I would also like to recognize the concerns of local community leaders and residents regarding adverse effects on the local water supply. It is my hope that this test facility and subsequent analysis will answer questions around the safe operation and the impact on the groundwater.

Thank you for considering the issuance of the EPA Underground Injection Control Permit (UIC) to Florence Copper, Inc. for its Production Test Facility (PTF).

Respectfully,



The Honorable Ann Kirkpatrick  
U.S. Representative, Arizona District One